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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

HAINAN'.

Captain Hodgson will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 8th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLASS LARKE & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1900.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

W B HAVE AUTHORIZED MR. C. MICHEAU LAU TO SIGN OUR FIRM FROM THIS DATE.

MELCHERS & CO.

Shanghai, 28th February, 1900.

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LESSONS IN FRENCH.

NEW and easy method of learning French in a few months, mainly by conversation, by a Frenchman.

Please address—

B. R.  
Care of Office of this Paper  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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WANTED,

A. OFFICE in Central part of Town.  
Apply to—

BOX 1.  
Care of Hongkong Daily Press,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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WANTED:

A. ENGLISH LAD to serve as a BOY (servant attendant) to a Gentleman shortly leaving for England.

Apply giving References to—

A.  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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TO LET.

FIVE-ROOMED BUNGALOW, "RHEA",  
DA, Botham Road.  
Apply to—

CHINA MERCHANTS S. N. CO.,  
No. 22, Praya West,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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TO LET.

N. G. GOUGH HILL. Furnished Re-

sidence at the Peak.  
Apply to the—

SECRETARY,  
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
AND AGENT CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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TO LET. FURNISHED.

N. G. CAMERON VILLAS, PEAK.  
Apply to—

E. OSBORN,  
Care of Mr. W. DANBY'S Office,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRU-

CTION.

A. REGULAR MEETING of the above  
A. Lodge will be held in the FREEMASON'S  
HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW NIGHT  
(THURSDAY), the 8th March, at 5 for 5.30  
P.M. precisely. Visiting Brothers are cordially  
invited to attend.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

THAT Undersigned have received instructions  
to sell by Public Auction  
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED  
the following property, at their  
the 10th March, at 2 P.M., at their  
Sales Rooms, 1st House, Sheung Wan.

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE  
Comprising—

Double and Single IRON BEDSTRADS,  
WAKING WOOD WARDROBES with RE-  
VERSED GLASS SIDEBOARDS, DRESS-  
ING TABLES, VIENNA CHAIRS, CARD  
TABLE, BLACKWOOD WARE, ELECTRO-  
PLATED WIRE GLASS WARE,  
CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.

Also

Four English and American BICYCLES.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Manufacturers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, ILUIN, AND CEBU.  
THE Company's Steamship

"KHUYI YANG,"

Captain Onderbridge, will be despatched as

above on THURSDAY, the 14th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE-

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANDIA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT-

SAY, SUZ, BOMBAY, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods  
are being landed and placed at their risk in  
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and God-  
own Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where  
each consignment will be sorted out by Mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From 1st to 8th March.

From Madras, 10th to 17th March.

Optional goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 12th inst., at  
4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No hire or insurance will be effected by me  
in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the  
Godowns and a full account of the damage  
obtained from the Godown Company within  
ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after  
which no claims will be recognized.

Consignees of Cargo from Kytoto and Egy-  
ptian Ports are requested to sign a General  
Average Bond before Bills of Lading are  
counter-signed.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1900.

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JUST RECEIVED.

SEVERAL KINDS

OF

JAPANESE SECURITIES.

D. NOMA,

12, Beaconsfield Arcade,

Opposite the City Hall.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS  
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION  
No. 60.

THE following Particulars of Sale of

CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,

to be held at the Offices of the Public

Works Department, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY),

the 7th day of MARCH, 1900, at

4 P.M., for general information

By Command,

F. H. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1900.

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IMPORTANT VISITI

R. HENRY DALLAS

and full Company from the

TUKEEN ROYAL, CALCUTTA,

with a repertoire of the

LATEST LONDON SUCCESSES,

will open its Season on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST,

with a Grand Production

First time in Hongkong of the Charming

Japanese Opera

"THE GEISHA,"

with all the Original Scenery, Dresses

and Effects from

DALY'S THEATRE, LONDON.

FULL ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS.

Musical Director, Mr. W. F. Valentine.

Plan of ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Usual Prices.

W. BERTRAM HEIMANN,  
Business Manager.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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FOR SALE

JEFFREYS 10 and 12 BORE GUNS.

ALTRIO GUNS for Wild Fowl and Small

Guns.

WINCHESTER CARBINES.

MAUSER AUTOMATIC PISTOL.

Smith and Wesson 32 and 38 CAL. REVOL-

VERS.

SMOKELESS POWDER and all kinds of

Spurts Requisites.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,  
Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1900.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

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PILES, BORNEO, &c.  
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portant link in the scheme of British cables round the world, by duplicating with a deep sea cable, in waters where British naval supremacy has been ever in the ascendant, our communications with our Australian dependencies. It is not for us, in these circumstances, to try so narrowly into the reasons that have conducted towards this malignant order of the Eastern Extension Company, and we would willingly refrain, but that there are circumstances connected with the affair which seem to point to other and less worthy motives as being those which really actuated the Company. It is not many months since this company, which here comes forward not only to lay a cable across the Southern Ocean, but in a fit of magnificence offers to take on its own shoulders all the responsibility, and even to reduce to reasonable limits its tariff, informed the British public that it could not afford to lower its tariff and would not be coerced into doing so. Whence this change of face? It is unfortunately too plain. Less than a year ago the Eastern Extension thought it had a monopoly of the communications with the Far East and Australia, and, when certain obligations were spoken of and the injury to British interests and British trade were pointed out, made a reply which scarcely rose to the level of ordinary courtesy. It held certain concessions, it informed us, which prevented any encroachments on its territory, and it could not afford to make any reductions whatever. The question of Imperial interests it did not deign to take into consideration. Pride, the old philosopher told us, comes before a fall; at all events the Colonies of Canada and Australia were dubious, in view of the approaching federation of the latter, to have some more certain and direct means of telegraphic communication than the Eastern and Eastern Extension Companies were willing to grant them. Their approaches to the representatives of the companies were met by an unabiding no, and no hope of any amendment was held forth. In the circumstances, the Colonies came to the wise resolve of conferring amongst themselves, and the scheme of a Pacific cable recommended itself. The colonies were not bound by any engagements to the Eastern Companies, and they, after a good deal of trouble, succeeded in proving to the Home Government the advantages to the Empire of such a line. But the Eastern companies had, unfortunately, some political influence; at all events the Home Government consented to see objections to meeting the Colonies in the way indicated and did its best to shoo off its engagements. The last performance of The Yeoman of the Guard took place on the 28th of August, and a most successful trial was made with enthusiasm.

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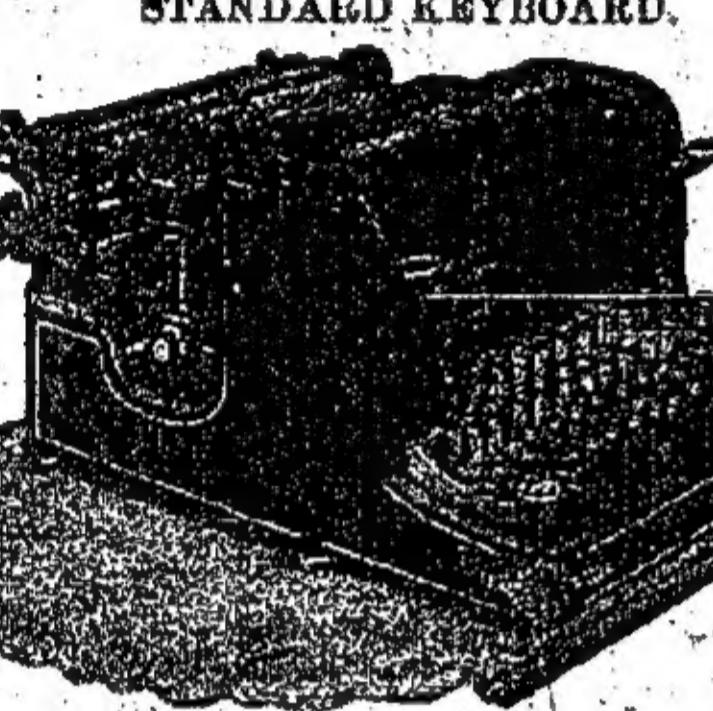
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## OUR PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 3rd February.  
Opinion here is much upset by the speech of Lord Salisbury. Everyone condemns its spirit and its matter. It was quite a disappointment to the English residents, and so while gratifying in a sense to the French, is unsatisfactory for them also. The English Government is thus discredited; the Opposition displays no unity or fixity of aim, and the spirit of party has broken loose where patriotism should reign. The Cabinet, it is felt, cannot explain why it allowed the Transvaal to become a huge arsenal within the last ten years, provisioned directly from Portuguese Marques and through the Free State from the Cape Colony itself. Yet no serious attempt was made to call in question the colossal bellicose preparations of President Kruger. Lord Rosebery made a speech "with spurs on." He voiced the nation, but he is not in a state to take office. Far, much as the Prime Minister lets himself and the Cabinet down, he will still have his majority. The English here say they only want men of action to carry the nation through its present grave crisis; young statesmen of energy, of daring persistency and of fearlessness. In brief the old fogies must go to the hospital for incurables. Their day is over; they have failed to understand their epoch.

France is going in for bloated naval armaments with a vengeance. Germany and even England must look to their P's and Q's. A sum of nine-tenths of a milliard, or £130 million sterling, is to be spent—pending the year's succeeding 1907. The amount is, it is said, to be taken out of the ordinary annual revenue, which is nonsense, as the Budget, except by fiction, can never make the two ends meet; the cash will come from the sale of the sites of the selected portion of the fortifications of Paris, which is to be demolished. Speculators in building houses will purchase the vacant ground "like hot cakes." Some millions of the estimate will be appropriated for the arming and the strengthening of the coast defences. Six battleships, five armoured cruisers, twenty-eight torpedo destroyers, 113 torpedo boats, and 26 submarine vessels will be added. Britain has only to increase her naval order and write the cheque for the cost. She will remain still the mistress of the sea, and the mistress of the largest naval purse, a matter not to be forgotten. It may be accepted as a truth, that before 1905 England will be a nation of marksmen, and of disciplined volunteers, with the most scientific artillery, and the best mounted infantry, for her taste is an inborn for horses as it is for ships. And she will have a War Office freed from cobwebs and out of date functionaries and colonies bringing in their millions of money from intercolonial trading. We may not like, but we will have to study, how other nations raise the wind. England must give up playing the rôle of experimenter for the benefit of other nations. She must be to rivals what rivals are to her; no platitude, no philanthropic crank. It must be a shake of the hand, or a knock down blow, just as the person involved merits.

Only war subjects catch readers now. South Africa comes in for all immediate attention, but there are very shrewd people who see far ahead and believe that the general war is en route. Freely I think novels have fewer readers, and poets are reduced to an expression. Dr. Leyds is cut out in the fabrication of false news; the French papers eclipse his best efforts. Menelik is coming to visit the Exhibition. Nobody thinks of that speculation except to ask, Will the Prince of Wales be present at the opening, and will England send visitors to the show? His Abyssinian Majesty will arrive by Fashoda; if he cannot bring a few salutes to Marschall he could bring some barrels of earth. Paul Devauden has just received from his admirers a cart load of the French soil close to the Spanish frontier. The Southerners are reported to be sorry that Orman Digny is in iron, but display no complimentary regards for Mahonius, two shiploads of American Anglophobes leave America for South Africa, when and where they will land is not known. Russia is going to take a few opening nibbles out of Southern Persia, but Lord Curzon, a younger Lord Cranborne, may safely be left to deal with any Russian intrigue there. Finland, Poland, and Asiatic Russia are subjects of anxiety for Muscovites, while the Congo and Algeria will employ any extra than France must have to spare. Nothing quietens continents so much as the idea that England intends calling out reserved or emergency squadrons; her doing so now will cause many enemies to sing small. Naturally, the proposed military and naval reforms of England that are announced are looked forward to with great interest and anxiety.

In the Senatorial elections the Royalists and those Paul Déroulé's chickens, the Nationalists, were nowhere. The Republic swept the board; which ought to satisfy Royalists and conspirators that there is no chance for them. General Mercier slipped in for a seat for Nantes—he will serve to recall the persecution of Dreyfus and the recompence a grateful country has for all who violate every article of justice, honour and fair play. Connected with the Dreyfus agitation has been the complicated cross-case of M. Jules, editor of the *Petit Journal*, and M. Zola. The notion arose out of an incident connected with the libellous letter Jules published against Zola's father. The Higher Police Court that tried the case, after hearing both sides, acquitted Zola in the course of four minutes' deliberation. This shadows the issue in store for other defamatory actions pending the last days of the Dreyfus war. The end of that has certainly arrived.

The doctors state that we are free from the influenza plague for another year; in not a few cases it has degenerated into very nasty bronchitis; this is attributed to an old bronchitis badly treated breaking forth anew and to treating the last malady on the lines of influenza.

Some twenty-six years ago, a lady presented 50,000 francs to the University of Paris, the annual interest of which sum was to be allotted to assist promising students, temporarily hard up, with ready cash. The money has to be borrowed without interest and it was left to the borrower to repay, when his circumstances allowed. The plan worked well, and practical relief paying, examination fees, &c., was afforded. The donor stipulated that only after her death her name should be known. That has just been made public—it was the Baroness Hirsch.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Chrysanthemum*, from Shanghai, 1st March and Swatow 5th, had fresh N.E. winds and overcast weather with rain.

The British steamer *Candia*, from Singapore 1st March, had light monsoon and fine weather, N.E. swell heading Islands, with rain and overcast weather.

The British steamer *Hibernia*, from Tamsui 1st March, Amoy 2nd and Swatow 5th, had fresh N.E. monsoons and thick dirty weather to Amoy. From Amoy to Swatow moderate N.E. wind and thick weather. From Swatow to port moderate northerly winds dark cloudy weather. Vessels in Amoy—*Canaria*, one German and one Japanese cruiser. In Swatow—*Chesapeake*, *Keweenaw*, *Kuangshang*, *Majidzuru*, *Moray* and one Austrian cruiser.